

they throw away the coco-nuts and the brands in the direction of the spirit-land, leaving the ghosts to wend their way thither, while they themselves return to the village.¹

Annual In Kiriwina, one of the Trobriand Islands, to the east

t^fdeLfin of New Guinea> the spirits of the ancestors are believed Kiriwina. to revisit their native village in a body once a year after the harvest has been got in. At this time the men perform special dances, the people openly display their valuables, spread out on platforms, and great feasts are made for the spirits. On a certain night, when the moon is at the full, all the people raise a great shout and so drive away Festival of the spirits to the spirit land.²

The Sea Dyaks of Borneo amon^tL CG^ebrate a great festival in honour of the dead at irregular Sea Dyaks intervals, it may be one or more years after the death of Borneo. ^ ^ particular person. All who have died since the last feast was heldj and have not yet been honoured by such a celebration, are remembered at this time; hence the number of persons commemorated may be great, especially if many years have elapsed since the last commemoration service. The preparations last many weeks: food and drink and all other necessities are stored in plenty, and the whole neighbourhood for miles round is invited to attend. On the eve of the feast the women take bamboo splints and fashion out of them little models of various useful articles, and these models are hung over the graves for the use of the dead in the other world. If the feast is held in honour of a man, the things manufactured in his behoof will take the form of a bamboo

gun, a shield,
 a war-cap, and so on ; if it is a woman who is
 commemor-
 ated, little models of a loom, a fish-basket, a
 winnowing-fan
 and such like things will be provided for her
 spirit ; and
 if it is a child for whom the rite is
 performed, toys of
 various kinds will be made ready for
 the childish ghost.
 Finally, to stay the appetite of ghosts
 who may be too
 sharp-set to wait for the formal
 banquet in the house,

¹ S. Rocs, " Bijdrage tot de Icennis 63-65.
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